



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Nature and River Trail Improvements

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith State Park

COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Upgrade existing facilities at Jedediah Smith State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines". Work will:

On the Nature Trail

- Excavate up to 8 inches deep by 20' by 20', add rock and road base to construct a level picnic pad.
- Add road base to level a 2,300' long by 4' wide trail.
- Add rock to construct approx. 465' of multi and single tier rock walls ranging from 6" to 24 inches high.
- Add road base to level a 100' long by 4' wide spur trail to campsite #5.
- Remove vegetation and add road base to construct 300' long by 4' wide reroute to connect to River Trail.
- Excavate up to 6" deep, add rock and road base to elevate two trail sections, one 10' and one 20' long, each 4" wide, to improve drainage.
- Add rock and road base to replace and construct rock edged level landings at 6 interpretive panels.
- Excavate up to (8) holes 8" by 8" wide to install directional and trailhead signage.

On the River Trail

- Excavate up to 24" deep and 24" wide to construct approximately 150' of rock/wood retaining wall varying from 1' to 5' tall at various locations along trail.
- Insert steel H-beams and place wooden lagging to construct 55' linear feet of soldier pile retaining wall varying in height from 4' to 1'.
- Excavate and add aggregate to level and repair approx. 1200' of 5' wide trail.
- Remove vegetation, excavate and add aggregate to construct a 100' long by 5' wide spur trail to campground.
- De-compact and lay brush to remove 100' of misc. trail from service.
- Excavate approx. 10 post holes each 8" in diameter and 3' deep to replace 12 feet of wooden handrails.
- Excavate up to 12" deep, add rock and aggregate to construct two 10' long by 5' wide and up to 12" high armored drain swales to improve drainage.
- Excavate up to (8) holes 8" in diameter and 3" deep to install directional and trailhead signage.
- Remove the scotch broom plant along this portion of trail being upgraded.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

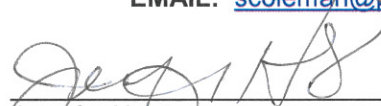
EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4, the construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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